

## EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 160/2024

From: Secretary for Education  
To: Heads of Primary and Secondary Schools  
Ref: EDB(CD/MCNE)ADM/150/18/1(4)  
Date: 6 August 2024

(Note: This circular memorandum should be read by heads and teachers of primary and secondary schools)

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### National Education – Event Planning Calendar (2024/25 school year)

#### Summary

This circular memorandum (CM) aims to inform primary and secondary schools of making arrangements for school-based learning activities related to national education (including Constitution, Basic Law and national security education) on the key dates in the 2024/25 school year, and making good use of the web-based resource platform “National Education One-stop Portal” for the implementation of national education.

#### Details

2. National education is an important component of values education, a key learning goal in schools and an indispensable part of the school curriculum. The Education Bureau (EDB) has been adopting diversified and specific measures<sup>1</sup> to fully support schools in planning and promoting national education in a systematic and holistic manner through the approaches of “organic integration”, “natural connection”, “diversified strategies”, “mutual co-ordination”, “learning within and beyond the classroom” and “whole-school participation”, as well as incorporating the elements and spirit of patriotic education into the learning and teaching of all subjects and cross-disciplinary curriculum areas, along with life-wide learning activities. Starting from 1 January 2022, all primary and secondary schools (including special schools) must display the national flag on each school day and conduct a national flag raising ceremony weekly with the playing and singing of the national anthem to show their respect for the country, with a view to strengthening students’ sense of belonging to our country, their affection for the Chinese people, as well as their sense of national identity.

3. Schools should refer to the Annex “National Education – Event Planning Calendar (2024/25 school year)” to continue to plan appropriate school-based national education learning activities holistically in the new school year. Schools are advised to arrange teaching of related

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<sup>1</sup> These include enriching and optimising the school curriculum, developing learning and teaching resources, strengthening teacher training, and organising life-wide learning activities for students (e.g. Mainland exchange programmes for teachers and students, subsidising sister schools-related activities).

subjects and cross-disciplinary curriculum areas as well as learning activities outside the classroom on the key dates so as to deepen students' understanding of the major historical events and figures of our country, and enable them to grasp accurately the constitutional order established by the principle of "One Country, Two Systems", the Constitution and the Basic Law, the significance of national security, as well as the history and spirit of the national flag, the national emblem and the national anthem. All these will help cultivate students' respect for the national symbols and signs, self-awareness of safeguarding national security and sense of patriotism. It is worth noting that this year's October 1 anniversary, as the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, is particularly significant and manifests the glorious achievements of our country after years of struggles under the leadership of the Communist Party of China and unity of the Chinese people. Schools should plan and organise diversified activities in celebration of the National Day with participation by teachers, parents and students to create an atmosphere of great joy, encourage them to take pride in the achievements of our country, and cultivate a sense of patriotism. The EDB will also organise a series of celebration activities for the National Day and issue a related CM in due course. Besides, schools should organise distinctive cultural activities at traditional Chinese festivals to promote and preserve venerable Chinese culture and values.

4. The EDB continuously enriches the content of the web-based resource platform "National Education One-stop Portal" (please visit [www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp](http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/neosp), or scan the QR Code on the right) in relation to various themes, such as Constitution, Basic Law and national security education, national symbols and signs (including the national flag, the national emblem and the national anthem), Chinese history and culture and museum learning, to facilitate reference and learning by teachers and students. The resources on the platform enable teachers and students to deepen their understanding of Chinese culture and reinforce their sense of belonging towards our country, thereby cultivating an affection for our country and Hong Kong.



5. The EDB Educational Multimedia (please visit <https://emm.edcity.hk>, or scan the QR Code on the right) online platform also provides students and teachers with various types of multimedia resources, including short videos, animations, nursery rhymes, e-books, interactive games and picture books. Schools are encouraged to make flexible use of them and design learning and teaching activities to promote students' self-directed learning and enrich their learning experiences.



## **Enquiry**

6 For enquiries, please contact the Moral, Civic and National Education Section 2 of the Curriculum Development Institute, EDB on 3698 3187.

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## National Education – Event Planning Calendar (2024/25 school year)

Year	Date	Key Dates in 2024/25 School Year	Examples of School-based Learning Activities
2024/25 school year		Schools should refer to this Event Planning Calendar and other school key dates (including open days, speech days, sports days, swimming galas and the school anniversary ceremony) to plan and arrange national education activities throughout the year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Make arrangements for displaying the national flag and the playing and singing of the national anthem on the key dates specified in this Event Planning Calendar, in addition to the regular national flag raising ceremonies and the playing and singing of the national anthem.</li> <li>● Share the recent development of our country, Chinese culture, Chinese history, the significance of the national flag/the national emblem/the national anthem/the regional flag/the regional emblem and so on through “the speech under the national flag” following the raising of the national flag and the playing and singing of the national anthem to enhance students’ cultural confidence.</li> <li>● Organise displays on school/classroom bulletin boards, thematic book exhibitions, visits, talks, inter-class/form Constitution and Basic Law competitions, patriotic film appreciation, historical drama performances, Chinese culture days/weeks, reading and reciting literary pieces (e.g. “On the Young China”), as well as playing and singing Chinese style songs (e.g. “My Motherland and I”), so as to enable students to explore different aspects of our country, such as our country’s recent development, Chinese culture, Chinese history, the meaning of national symbols and signs (including the national flag, the national emblem and the national anthem).</li> <li>● Arrange for students to participate in national education activities organised by the EDB, various</li> </ul>

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			<p>government departments or non-governmental organisations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nominate students to join the Constitution and Basic Law Student Ambassadors Training Scheme organised by the EDB, and guide student ambassadors to assist teachers in organising activities which promote the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security in schools.</li> </ul>
2024	2 September	School Opening Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Make arrangements for the raising of the national flag, and the playing and singing of the national anthem.</li> </ul>
	3 September	Victory Day of Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Organise thematic book exhibitions in the school library.</li> <li>● Engage students in sharing reviews of films about the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression.</li> <li>● Make arrangements for observing a moment of silence in the school to commemorate the casualties of the war.</li> </ul>
	17 September	Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival (the 15th day of the 8th month in the Chinese lunar calendar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Organise festive activities such as solving lantern riddles and lantern design competitions.</li> <li>● Arrange for students to read and recite literary pieces about the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival and the moon.</li> </ul>
	18 September	September 18 Incident Memorial Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss the September 18 Incident during Chinese History/History lessons.</li> </ul>
	22 September	Chinese Farmers' Harvest Festival (The autumnal equinox of the Chinese lunar calendar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introduce the contributions of Chinese agriculturalists on the school bulletin board.</li> <li>● Discuss and share with students the strategies for safeguarding national food security.</li> <li>● Organise fruit and vegetable recipe design and dish naming competitions.</li> </ul>
	30 September	Martyrs' Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Engage students in sharing reviews of patriotic films.</li> <li>● Make arrangements for observing a moment of silence in the school to commemorate the martyrs of the war.</li> </ul>

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	1 October	National Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Organise various modes of celebration activities, including the national flag raising ceremony and the playing and singing of the national anthem on National Day or the school day before or after National Day, to create an intense patriotic atmosphere.</li> <li>● Introduce the development of our country (e.g. sports, technology, transport, construction) on school bulletin boards.</li> <li>● Engage students in collecting information/project learning/sharing on the recent development of our country (e.g. aerospace engineering, Guangzhou - Shenzhen - Hong Kong High Speed Rail, and Guangdong - Hong Kong - Macao Greater Bay Area).</li> </ul>
	4 December	Constitution Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introduce the Constitution and the Basic Law and their constitutional order on school bulletin boards.</li> <li>● Organise inter-class or inter-level quizzes on the Constitution and the Basic Law.</li> </ul>
	13 December	Nanjing Massacre National Memorial Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explain the historical facts of Nanjing Massacre in school assemblies or related lessons (such as General Studies for primary schools/Primary Humanities, Chinese History, History and Citizenship and Social Development for secondary schools).</li> <li>● Make arrangements for observing a moment of silence in the school to commemorate the victims and pay tribute to the martyrs' spirit of patriotism.</li> </ul>
2025	1 January	New Year's Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Organise celebration activities including the national flag raising ceremony and the playing and singing of the national anthem on New Year's Day or the school day before or after New Year's Day.</li> </ul>

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	29 January	Lunar New Year's Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Organise design competitions for red packets and Lunar New Year food and dishes.</li> <li>● Arrange experiential activities of writing "fai chun".</li> <li>● Engage students in collecting information/project learning on the origins and customs of Lunar New Year to understand the meaning of Lunar New Year.</li> </ul>
	12 February	Lantern Festival (the 15th day of the first month in the Chinese lunar calendar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Organise lantern design competitions.</li> <li>● Arrange for students to read and recite literary pieces about Lantern Festival.</li> <li>● Engage students in solving lantern riddles.</li> </ul>
	8 March	International Women's Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Design message cards to send blessing to women.</li> <li>● Introduce on school bulletin boards the message that equality between men and women is a basic national policy, and women's contributions to different aspects of our country (e.g. science, education, literature and sports).</li> </ul>
	4 April	Commemoration Day for the Promulgation of the Basic Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Organise related slogan, writing, drama and poster design competitions.</li> </ul>
		Ching Ming Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Arrange for students to read and recite literary pieces about Ching Ming Festival to enable students to understand the meaning of "paying careful attention to the funeral rites of parents and showing reverence for ancestors".</li> </ul>
	15 April	National Security Education Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Organise related talks, project learning activities and school bulletin board design competitions.</li> </ul>
	1 May	Labour Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Engage students in collecting information/project learning on the origin and meaning of Labour Day.</li> <li>● Arrange for students to read and recite literary pieces about diligence.</li> </ul>

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	4 May	May Fourth Youth Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Arrange related learning activities such as exhibitions, storytelling, and public speaking to cultivate a sense of patriotism.</li> </ul>
	31 May	Tuen Ng Festival (the 5th day of the 5th month in the lunar calendar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Arrange experiential activities of making rice dumplings and dragon boat design competitions.</li> <li>● Understand the patriotic spirit of Qu Yuan.</li> </ul>
	1 June	International Children's Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Engage students in collecting information/project learning on traditional Chinese children's toys/games.</li> </ul>
	30 June	The Fifth Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Hong Kong National Security Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introduce the Hong Kong National Security Law as well as conduct talks and project learning activities.</li> </ul>
	July	Speech Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Make arrangements for the raising of the national flag, and the playing and singing of the national anthem.</li> </ul>
	1 July	The 104th Anniversary of the Founding of the Communist Party of China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Organise thematic book exhibitions in the school library.</li> <li>● Engage students in sharing reviews of patriotic films.</li> <li>● Discuss and share with students the development of the Communist Party of China through Chinese History/History lessons to strengthen students' affection for the Chinese people.</li> </ul>
		HKSAR Establishment Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Organise celebration activities including the national flag raising ceremony and the playing and singing of the national anthem on the HKSAR Establishment Day or the school day before or after the HKSAR Establishment Day.</li> <li>● Arrange for students to participate in activities related to the 28th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.</li> </ul>
	7 July	July 7 Incident Memorial Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss with students the July 7 Incident during Chinese History/History lessons.</li> <li>● Engage students in sharing reviews of films about the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression.</li> </ul>



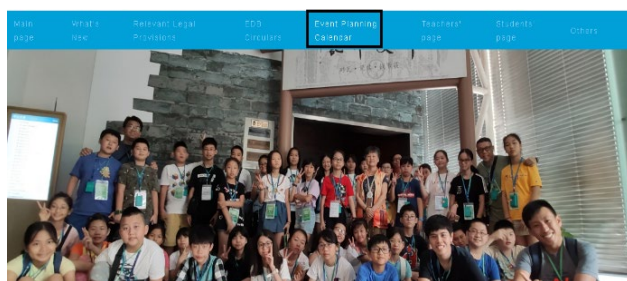
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	1 August	Chinese People's Liberation Army Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage students in collecting information/project learning on the Chinese People's Liberation Army/ the Chinese People's Liberation Army Hong Kong Garrison.</li> </ul>
	15 August	National Ecology Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage students in reading materials on national ecological conservation and pollution prevention and control.</li> <li>Engage students in project learning on improving and conserving the environment in Hong Kong/the adoption of green and low-carbon lifestyle.</li> </ul>

Remarks:

- Teachers should suitably adapt or select learning activities and learning and teaching resources based on students' age and learning progress as well as other school-based factors.
- Teachers can make reference to "National Education – Event Planning Calendar (2024/25 school year)" available on the web-based resource platform "National Education One-stop Portal" for speaking notes and other learning and teaching resources relating to the key dates to plan and implement diversified school-based national education learning activities. Further details can be accessed at:

<https://cbleportal.edb.edcity.hk/index.php?class=index&func=cate&cateid=137&selectlangtype=>

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Event Planning Calendar — National Education One-stop Portal

Teachers can exercise professional judgement and refer to relevant academic works when adopting the Learning and Teaching Resources prepared by scholars and teachers to enhance the teaching content. They can also select appropriate parts from the learning and teaching resources, according to the pedagogical as well as learning needs of students, as materials designed for classroom learning or extended learning so as to align with the implementation of the curriculum.

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2 September	School Opening Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make arrangements for the raising of the national flag, and the playing and singing of the national anthem.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① <a href="#">翻錄：我們的國歌 (Chinese version only)</a></li> <li>② <a href="#">Learning and teaching resources: "My Home Country": Observing the etiquette when attending a national flag-raising ceremony and when the national anthem is being played and sung</a></li> </ul>
3 September	Victory Day of Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise thematic book exhibitions in the school library.</li> <li>Engage students in sharing reviews of films about the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression.</li> <li>Make arrangements for observing a moment of silence in the school to commemorate the casualties of the war.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① <a href="#">讀解華聲 (Chinese version only)</a></li> <li>② <a href="#">短片：九月三日中國人民抗日戰爭勝利紀念日 (Chinese version only)</a></li> <li>③ <a href="#">中國人民抗日戰爭勝利紀念日學與教資源 (Chinese version only)</a></li> <li>④ <a href="#">教師版 學生版</a></li> </ul>
17 September	Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival (the 15th day of the 8th month in the Chinese lunar calendar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise festive activities such as solving lantern riddles and lantern design competitions.</li> <li>Arrange for students to read and recite literary pieces about the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival and the moon.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① <a href="#">短片：中秋節啟發的味通 (Chinese version only)</a></li> <li>② <a href="#">短片：嫦娥與玉兔 (Chinese version only)</a></li> <li>③ <a href="#">Resource materials on Chinese Festival: Mid-Autumn Festival moon</a></li> </ul>